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## Additional Charges Filed in Open House Burglar Case

Additional burglary and robbery charges have been filed against a man accused of posing as a realtor to steal from open houses in the West Los Angeles and Lost Hills areas, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Christine Von Helmolt said Tony Chung (dob 4/5/85) now faces seven counts of first-degree burglary, person present; three counts of first-degree residential burglary; and one count of first-degree residential robbery.

Case SA089092 was amended to add five additional charges yesterday.

Chung is scheduled to return on Dec. 3 in Department 142 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

Between July and October, Chung stole high-end jewelry from several open houses while pretending to be a realtor, the prosecutor said. In one instance a licensed realtor chased and confronted Chung after an open house robbery attempt, the prosecutor added.

If convicted as charged, Chung faces a possible maximum sentence of 47 years in state prison. The defendant remains in custody with bail set at more than \$2 million.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lost Hills Station and the Los Angeles Police Department, West Los Angeles Station.

## **About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office**

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District</u> <u>Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.